

Hello FCC,
I have recently heard that there is a ongoing petition to stop XM Satellite Radio from broadcasting traffic and weather reports in metropolitan areas in the United States. I am concerned about the what the interests behind that petition are doing as it seems like they are trying to prevent a competing broadcast service from providing it's listeners to very useful information.

America is great for two reasons: free enterprise and innovation. I believe that any company out there that can offer services that are better than a competitor's service have the right to do so. Competition in the free enterprise system helps keep prices down and also forces competitors to come up with something better.

That leads me into my next point about America, innovation. When one company offers a better service than another, the other companies have to come up with a different way of doing things. If they have to drop their price, then it usually creates a ripple effect by having to work more efficiently, therefore creating a need for more technologically advanced machinery. The same applies if a company needs to add value to a product has to offer something more advanced. Examples like these have made America one of the most prosperous and advanced countries in it's 228 years of existence.

For my last point, I'd like to say that XM Radio is a terrific service that offers over 100 channels of music and many more talk/entertainment channels. I am a subscriber and myself and others pay for this service every month to allow us to make our own choices of what we would like to listen to. Therefore, XM radio and it's subscribers should not be subjected to rules by interest groups that do not wish to adapt to the competitive enterprise system of America.

Thank you for your time and I would appreciate the FCC not allowing the contents of Petition 04-160 to be enacted.

Sincerely,

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